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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 16, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application. As the shortened statutory period for response expires March 16, 2005, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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